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Barton and Junicke

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METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR DETECTING

POLYNUCLEOTIDE DUPLEX DAMAGE AND ERRORS

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed March 27, 2003 (no listed Paper No.), entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on <u>July 28, 2003</u>, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA₂22313-1450.

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